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**DOE Announces Publication of Notice of Intent
for the Moab, Utah, Project**

(Grand Junction, CO)—On December 20, 2002, a Notice of Intent will be published in the *Federal Register* for the Moab Project in Grand County, Utah. The Notice of Intent announces the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) plan to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) document and to conduct public scoping meetings for remediation of a former uranium ore-processing site and vicinity properties near Moab. The *Federal Register* notice will be accessible on the DOE Grand Junction Office website at <http://www.gjo.doe.gov/moab/moab.html>.

Publication of the Notice of Intent marks the beginning of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the Moab Project. The EIS addresses the reasonably foreseeable effects of the proposed action and the alternatives. The DOE Grand Junction Office, which manages the Moab Project, will conduct public scoping meetings on the EIS from January 21 to 28, 2003. Locations, dates, and times of the meetings are included in the *Federal Register* notice. Meetings have been scheduled in Green River, Moab, Blanding and White Mesa, and East Carbon, Utah.

During the scoping meetings, DOE will present information about the NEPA process and the proposed scope of the EIS and will provide the public with an opportunity to present oral or written comments on the scope. The public comment period on the scope of the EIS began with publication of the Notice of Intent and will end on February 14, 2003.

Note: The email address for submitting comments was incorrectly stated in the Notice of Intent and should read moabcomments@gjo.doe.gov. A correction to the *Federal Register* will be published in the December 27, 2002, edition.

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